

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) In a computer system having a plurality of nodes, each node having access to a shared database and also having local storage, wherein at least one of said plurality of nodes includes a redo log in local storage for said node, said redo log long including information regarding data in said shared database, a method of performing a backup operation of said shared database comprising:

selecting one of said plurality of nodes to perform said backup operation;

obtaining information regarding a directory location of said local redo log for said at least one node;

setting said local redo log to be read/write accessible by said selected backup node;

~~using said selected backup node to access data in said shared database and also in said local redo log to perform said backup operation~~

backing up data in said shared database by accessing data in said shared database and also in said local redo log to perform said backup operation.